



NWCG Smoke Committee

Activity Update June 2015



Outreach and Messaging

- Status of Activity Updates – January 2015 is in progress. Previous draft reviews continue.
 - The order of the Update has changed from oldest to newest first until caught up.

NWCG Website Questions and Coordination prior to rollout

- NIFC.gov/smoke Website online w/a lot of information – Need to decide how to utilize the site (having a presence there is worthwhile).
- Mike talked to Elaine – SmoC information needs to be moved off the NIFC site, would need to link to the NWCG SmoC webpage. The rest of the information can stay.
- WebSite activity – FRAMES <https://www.frames.gov/partner-sites/emissions-and-smoke/smoke-portal-home/>
 - Training Session: Anna Rappold created a 2 page overview of the Smoke Health workshop. The 2-pager and the presentations are ready to post, probably be next week.
 - Susan & Mark discussed ideas for research page. Susan & Josh also discussed ideas.
- NWCG Website Questions and Coordination prior to rollout:
 - Mike talked w/Ronda, & Tammy Denny, voicemail w/Elaine. Roll-out at end of June.
 - Changes or additions – Go through Tammy for beginning of the roll-out.
 - SmoC plan – keep things simple on NWCG site & link to the FRAMES website.
 - Keep training resources on FRAMES. Can choose to use NWCG website later.

NACAA Coordination //AAPCA Outreach

- Let Diana know if there is a topic to share with NACAA.
- AAPCA annual conference is in September. GA, NC, FL are in both groups, OK is in NACAA only.

Focus on Line of Business Webinar/Discussion

- What data and processes are we dependent on to do our line of work such as: smoke emissions, analyzing smoke impacts, emission inventories, Information Technology, etc.).
- There is substantial segment of the Quadrennial fire review dealing w/smoke & air quality.

NWCG Business

- Draft Resource Advisor Handbook out for comment due by 6/30. See: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?documentID=66356>
- IRPG Revisions in 2017, Comments open by Fall. SmoC made comments on this guide before. Would like to comment on smoke messaging for personnel exposure & transportation safety.
 - SmoC should set up a review of the IRPG.
 - What is the schedule for the Red Book and the Former Fireline Handbook?
- Working to determine different data needs for the fire business.

Wildfire and Smoke Activity

- Alaska wildfire activity – there are BlueSky runs and a grid for Buckskin fire. The latter has ARAs deployed on it. Heavy fuel from tree kills in the fire scar of the Biscuit fire.



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Subcommittee Report-outs:

All Subcommittees

- Will keep notes for NWCG soon. Not elaborate – include when meeting held, major topics, etc.

Smoke Technical Topics

- Cindy – Reviewed Emission Factor material. Susan will revise Emission Factor 1-pager.
- Smoke Management Guide work is continuing.

Smoke Training

- Pete has the Smoke Mitigation manuscript. Need to schedule a planning call.
- Held quick call on status of the Guidebooks. Need to keep moving forward. Planning another training call with the whole group mid-July.
- Discussed outreach to get attention on our materials.

Smoke Managers

- Discussion about interactions with local air regulators concerning what they thought the consequences of less Rx fires in their areas would be. Sean Ferreria is participating – they have difficult challenges with burning in a highly regulated environment. Jim Brenner from FL on the call. Ron's presentation may be pushed back to August.

Round Robin Topics

- Claudia is interested in doing a webinar on applying software systems to smoke issues, Simtable for representing phenomena such as smoke.
- Cindy will advise Susan some options for linking to JFSP smoke research online.
- Gary will provide mixing height methodology, NWS enhanced products for assessing wildland smoke on the next call, and status & priority of ESP and dealing with organic soils.
- Troy Hall's research project, 'Public perception of smoke' final report posted on JFSP website.
- Ozone NAAQS page on the FRAMES website – Tammy, will revise the 2010 ozone briefing paper monitoring section.
- Pete working on the posting of IAWF Smoke and Health Workshop materials.
- Release of Forest Service Forest Service Minimizing Smoke Impacts of Prescribed Fire videos. The full-length version (15 minutes) is here: <https://youtu.be/niOnxmozGhU> which is on the FS YouTube site. It has closed captioning. The segments can still be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNsZX2SBTIVnYQ1OKnrDqpZAZfqEiWO-k> also on the FS YouTube site. The individual segments have had over 2500 views.
- Update on polyethylene covered piles study – Nick Yonker: We are moving forward with this study to evaluate the emissions of dry polyethylene covered piles.
- Pete will send Josh a copy of the IMET presentation link, Josh will check to make sure it is the one to use for wider, long term distribution.